

House File 50 - Introduced

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A BILL FOR

1 An Act providing for gender balance on local boards, commissions,
2 committees, and councils, and including an applicability
3 provision.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:
5 TLSB 1345HH 83
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1 1 Section 1. Section 69.16A, Code 2009, is amended to read
1 2 as follows:
1 3 69.16A GENDER BALANCE.
1 4 All appointive boards, commissions, committees, and
1 5 councils of the state, or of a political subdivision of the
1 6 state, that are established by the Code, if not otherwise
1 7 provided by law, shall be gender balanced. No person shall be
1 8 appointed or reappointed to any board, commission, committee,
1 9 or council established by the Code if that appointment or
1 10 reappointment would cause the number of members of the board,
1 11 commission, committee, or council of one gender to be greater
1 12 than one-half the membership of the board, commission,
1 13 committee, or council plus one if the board, commission,
1 14 committee, or council is composed of an odd number of members.
1 15 If the board, commission, committee, or council is composed of
1 16 an even number of members, not more than one-half of the
1 17 membership shall be of one gender. If there are multiple
1 18 appointing authorities for a board, commission, committee, or
1 19 council, they shall consult each other to avoid a violation of
1 20 this section. ~~This section shall not prohibit an individual~~
1 21 ~~from completing a term being served on June 30, 1987.~~

1 22 Sec. 2. APPLICABILITY. This Act is applicable to
1 23 appointive boards, commissions, committees, and councils of a
1 24 political subdivision of the state on and after January 1,
1 25 2012.

EXPLANATION

1 27 This bill requires appointive boards, commissions,
1 28 committees, and councils of a political subdivision of the
1 29 state that are established by the Iowa Code to be gender
1 30 balanced. Current law only applies the gender balance
1 31 requirement to state boards, commissions, committees, and
1 32 councils. The bill provides that the gender balance
1 33 requirement for political subdivisions applies beginning on
1 34 and after January 1, 2012.

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